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Editorial

Graduation Season: Celebrating Every Path to Success

Graduation season is once again upon us. Across our Federation, proud parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers and other well-wishers are filling auditoriums and school halls to celebrate one of life's most meaningful milestones. From preschool to primary school, secondary school and post-secondary institutions, our young people are closing one chapter and preparing to embrace another. For some, that next step will be higher education. For others, it will be the world of work, entrepreneurship or specialized training. Whatever the journey, each achievement deserves to be celebrated.

Many of us have had the privilege of attending graduation ceremonies over the past few weeks. We have listened to inspiring speeches centered on hope, perseverance and purpose. We have applauded valedictorians, salutatorians, outstanding athletes, academic achievers and well-rounded students who have excelled both inside and outside the classroom. Their accomplishments are worthy of recognition, and they serve as reminders of what can be achieved through commitment, discipline and the support of those around them.

Yet, while we rightly celebrate those who top their classes and collect multiple awards, we must also remember the many students whose successes may not be reflected in a long list of certificates. Every child learns differently. Every young person grows at his or her own pace. Success should never be measured solely by grades or examination results.

For generations, many have viewed professions such as medicine, law, engineering and teaching as the ultimate markers of achievement. These remain noble and essential careers. However, the world is changing rapidly, and so too are the opportunities available to today's graduates. Increasingly, young people are finding fulfilment and success in the creative economy,



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media, information technology, cosmetology, culinary arts, skilled trades, entrepreneurship, hospitality, agriculture, environmental services and countless other fields.

There should never be shame in pursuing honest work. The sanitation worker who keeps our communities clean, the cosmetologist who builds a thriving business, the artist who inspires through creativity, the electrician who powers our homes and the entrepreneur who creates jobs all contribute meaningfully to the development of our nation. Every occupation has dignity, and every worker plays a role in building a stronger society.

Parents and guardians therefore have an important responsibility. While it is natural to dream big for our children, those dreams should not become burdens that force them into paths that do not

align with their talents or passions. Instead, we should encourage them to discover their strengths, develop practical skills and define what success means for themselves. Guidance, patience and open communication will always accomplish more than unrealistic expectations.

As a society, we must continue investing in our young people-not only through education, but also through mentorship, career guidance, apprenticeships and opportunities that help them become productive, compassionate and civic-minded citizens. When our children succeed, our nation succeeds.



Education Officer To Primary School Graduates: Choose Your Friends Wisely

By: Spokesman Newsroom



Photo: Chief Education Officer Francil Morris

"Choose your friends wisely. The friends that you associate with in high school will shape your character and your influence."

Those were the words of Chief Education Officer Francil Morris as he addressed the graduating Class of 2026 during the 25th Graduation Ceremony of the Violet Petty Primary School on Tuesday 7th July held at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church located in Bourryeau, under the theme ‘Bright Beginnings, Bright Dreams, A Future Full of Possibilities.’

Delivering the feature address, Morris urged students to make wise choices as they prepare to begin the next chapter of their educational journey, stressing that the company they keep in high school will have a lasting impact on their future.

He encouraged students to surround themselves with positive influences rather than peers who encourage negative behaviour.

Drawing from his own life, Morris explained that making the right choices despite difficult circumstances helped shape his future.

"Surround yourself with those who encourage you to do better," he said. "Those persons who encourage you to do wrong things and laugh about it and they can use their phone to capture it and put it up on their snap and stuff, those persons are not your friends."

"I speak to you from a point of experience. At the age of 14, I was head of my household with three younger siblings after my mother traveled overseas. And you know why I'm Chief Education Officer today? Because I chose my friends wisely."

He reminded students that success comes from remaining committed to their ambitions.

"Focus on your academic goals," he said. "I'm sure all of you have some sort of goal or something that you want to do when you grow up."

Morris acknowledged that transitioning to high school can be challenging, noting that even educators have to adjust to the different environment.

"High school is a new environment. High school is not primary school," he said.

Reflecting on his own career, he recounted spending 18 years in primary education before moving to the high school system, where he initially found the structure difficult to navigate.

"It took me almost a year plus to really understand how the system works in high school. And I'm saying to you, even as young persons going to be teenagers, it's going to be a different environment."

Despite those changes, he reminded graduates not to lose sight of the values instilled during their primary school years.

"Regardless of the environment, your education remains your greatest tool. Never lose sight of the foundation that you have built at the Violet Petty Primary School."

Morris also encouraged the graduates to fully embrace their high school experience by participating in sports, clubs, quizzes and other extracurricular activities.

"Build memories, embrace the challenges and enjoy the process of growing up to be a productive citizen in the Federation," he urged.

Recalling his tenure as principal, Morris said he consistently encouraged students not to allow poor decisions to derail their future.

"I spoke to my students and I told them in no uncertain terms, don't let anybody rob you of your youth."

He also shared an encounter with a student who believed his difficult home circumstances limited his opportunities.

The student explained that his family had no running water and relied on an outside toilet. Morris responded by revealing he had experienced similar hardships.

"I had no water. I used to use pit outside too. I used to have to head water... But you know what was my save and what got me out? Education."

He said the student eventually graduated with six O-Level subjects, demonstrating that difficult beginnings do not determine one's future.

Concluding his address, Morris left the graduates with three key pieces of advice.

"So essentially all I'm saying to you, three simple things. One, choose friends wisely. Two, stay focused, and when your chapter closes in high school, finish strong."

He congratulated the graduating class on reaching an important milestone.

"Class of 2026 of the Violet Petty Primary School, congratulations on this fantastic achievement, and I wish you all a truly remarkable celebration today."

Front Page Photo: Chief Education Officer Francil Morris seen while addressing the graduating Class of 2026 during the 25th Graduation Ceremony of the Violet Petty Primary School on Tuesday 7th July held at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church located in Bourryeau, under the theme ‘Bright Beginnings, Bright Dreams, A Future Full of Possibilities.’ (Credit-Violet Petty Primary School-Spartans/Facebook)



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A Month to Savour: Culinary Month is Underway in St. Kitts and Nevis

Basseterre, St. Kitts (09 July 2026) – From rhythm to flavors, the excitement continues across St. Kitts and Nevis as Culinary Month gets into full swing this July. Following the excitement of the St. Kitts Music Festival and the successful staging of the Nevis Mango Festival, the Federation now turns its attention to a month-long celebration of food, culture, and community through signature culinary events and chef-inspired dining experiences.

Throughout July, the St. Kitts Tourism Authority invites residents and visitors alike to enjoy an exciting calendar of signature events, specially curated Restaurant Month menus, and unique culinary experiences that celebrate the creativity and diversity of Kittitian and Nevisian cuisine. This year's featured ingredients—carrot and passionfruit—will inspire chefs across the Federation to create innovative dishes that highlight the versatility of local produce and showcase the exceptional culinary talent throughout St. Kitts and Nevis.

The month's signature events include:

- Rooted in Passion – The Culinary Team's official tasting showcase at the Royal St. Kitts Hotel.
- St. Kitts Tasting Showcase – Eco Park.
- Nevis Tasting Showcase – Mount Nevis Hotel.
- Cook, Sip & Glamp – Park Hyatt St. Kitts.
- Grill Fest – Frigate Bay Lawn.
- Taste at Twilight – Orchid Bay.

In addition to the signature events, Culinary Month also features a variety of unique culinary experiences hosted by restaurants and hospitality partners across the Federation.

St. Kitts

- Restaurant Month Promotional Event – Chill Beach Bar
- Yachtsman Grill Breakfast Buffet
- Flavors by Carambola
- Serendipity's Children's Home Charity Dinner

Nevis

- Queen City R&B Event – Queen City Bar & Garden

Chief Executive Officer of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority, Kelly Fontenelle, encouraged everyone to experience the diverse culinary offerings available throughout the month.

“Culinary Month celebrates the creativity of our chefs, the richness of our culture, and the authentic flavours that define St. Kitts and Nevis. We invite everyone to support our local restaurants, attend the month's events, and discover the exceptional culinary talent that continues to elevate our destination.”

Minister of Tourism, Hon. Marsha T. Henderson, said Culinary Month continues to demonstrate the value of tourism as a driver of economic growth across the Federation.

“Culinary Month is about more than exceptional food; it is about creating opportunities for our people. Every meal enjoyed, and every event attended supports our restaurants, chefs, farmers, fishers, entertainers, and small businesses while strengthening the connections that make our tourism industry more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive.”

With experiences taking place across both islands throughout July, Culinary Month offers countless opportunities to discover new flavors, support local businesses, and celebrate the culinary traditions that make St. Kitts and Nevis a distinctive Caribbean destination.

For the full Culinary Month calendar, participating restaurants, ticket information, and event updates, visit www.sknrestaurantweek.com or follow the St. Kitts Tourism Authority and St. Kitts and Nevis Restaurant Month on social media.



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Contractors to Bid on the following Projects:

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FOOTBALL PAVILION at Lime Kiln Play Field

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Tuesday 16th June 2026 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$ 1000.00 each.

Completed Tender Documents shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Deputy Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Thursday 30th July 2026**

Bidders or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PUBLIC WORKS



SIR ROBERT LLEWELLYN BRADSHAW TO BE FEATURED ON NEW EC\$50 BANKNOTE, HONOURING A CARIBBEAN NATION BUILDER

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Basseterre, Saint Kitts, July 10, 2026 (SKNIS): Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, had the distinct honour on Thursday, July 09, 2026, to proudly unveil the redesigned Eastern Caribbean (EC) \$50 banknote that now features the image of The Right Excellent Sir Robert Llewellyn Bradshaw – a fitting tribute to one of the Federation’s most revered national leaders and a prominent figure in regional development.

The redesigned EC currency marks a historic milestone in the evolution of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU). For the first time, the banknotes will no longer feature the likeness of the late Queen Elizabeth II. Instead, the new designs honour distinguished national heroes and nation builders from across the eight ECCU



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In the Estate of LIVINGSTON ALLISTER SWANSTON, late of Brick Kiln, in the Parish of St. James, in the island of Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filedby ANNETTE CASSANDRA SWANSTON of Brick Kiln, in the parish of St. James in the islandofNevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration, to the applicant who is the lawfulwifeof the deceased, the deceased having died intestateon July 23, 2016.

Any personhaving an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall fileanobjection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Datedthis6thday of July, 2026.

Leonora L. Walwyn

[FIRST/ SECOND PUBLICATION]

Filed by Leonora Walwyn WalwynLaw D. R. Walwyn Square Charlestown Nevis. Attorneys-at-Law

The Registry is at Prince William Street, Charlestown in the island of Nevis Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis, telephone number 869 469 0504 . The office is open between 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holiday

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In the Estate of NEVILLE OSCAR MAYNARD, late of Canada Estate, in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DEBBIE MAYNARD, of 2435 Lakeview Circle, McKinney, Texas, 75072, United States of America for Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 24th day of May 2017.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 6 day of July 2026.

Debbie Maynard

FIRST/SECOND PUBLICATION

SIR ROBERT LLEWELLYN BRADSHAW TO BE FEATURED ON NEW EC\$50 BANKNOTE, HONOURING A CARIBBEAN NATION BUILDER

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member countries, reflecting the region's shared identity, heritage and achievements.

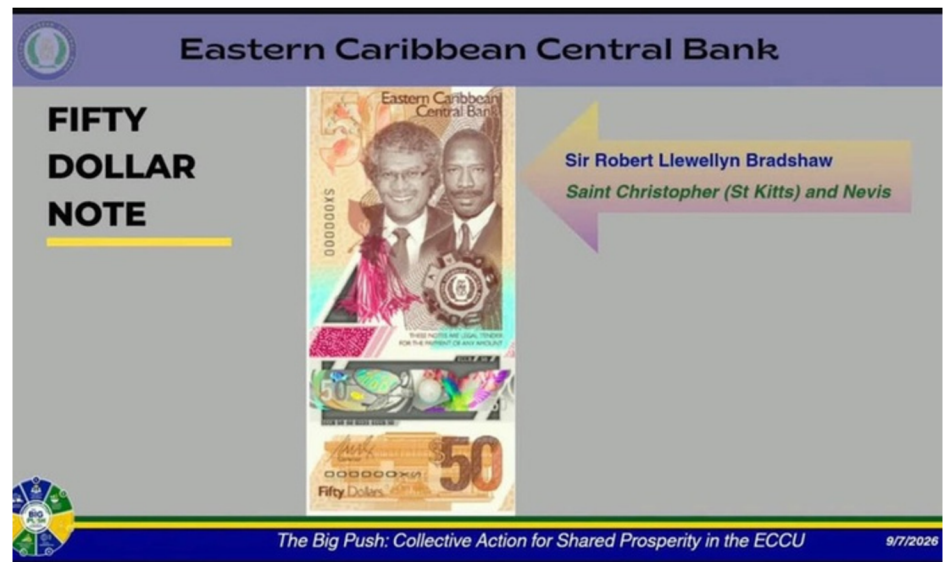
The new EC\$50 banknote features The Right Excellent Sir Robert Llewellyn Bradshaw alongside former Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, The Honourable Sir K. Dwight Venner.

The Right Excellent Sir Robert Llewellyn Bradshaw was the first Premier of Saint Kitts and Nevis and devoted his public life to advancing the welfare and well-being of his people while championing the cause of Caribbean unity.

At its 105th Meeting on 21 July 2023, the ECCB Monetary Council approved the replacement of the image of the late Queen Elizabeth II on EC currency and directed the ECCB to undertake public consultations. Prime Minister Drew expressed pleasure in having served as a member of the Monetary Council when this historic decision was taken, culminating in a redesigned currency that more fully reflects the identity, achievements and aspirations of the people of the Eastern Caribbean.

The redesigned banknotes were officially unveiled during the Ceremony to Mark the Change in Chairmanship of the ECCB Monetary Council at the InterContinental Dominica Cabrits Resort in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10:19

A. D. 2026

Claim No.: SKBLRD2026/0042-

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ST CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19 of the Laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis

And

In the Matter of a Certificate of Title issued on the 4th day of March, 2021 in the name of SAMIR GHAS, recorded in Condominium Register Book 22 Folio 64 of the Register of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SAMIR GHAS formerly of Villa No. 1, Plot 23A, Bein Al Jerain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates but presently residing at Al Wasl Street, Villa No. 23A, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the one recorded in Condominium Register at Book 22 Folio 64 of the Register of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit and described in the said Title being ALL THAT Condominium Interest No. R-366 of Vacation For Life Condominium: St Kitts and Nevis described in the Certificate of Title registered in Book T2 Folio 379 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher and contained in the Declaration and Description of Vacation for Life Condominium: St Kitts and Nevis registered as No. 22 in the Condominium Corporation Index on the 29th day of January, 2009 and as amended thereafter. Subject to the provisions of the Declaration and Description and the provisions of the Condominium Act CAP 10.03.

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or have any information which may lead to its recovery, is kindly requested to contact BLAKEFERGUSON, Attorneys-At-Law and Notary Public, of Frigate Bay St. Kitts. Telephone No.: (869) 465-2913, Mobile: (869) 661-2912 Email: contact@bflaw.co.

Dated the 9th day of July, 2026.

Keinya Blake Gordon
Keinya Blake Gordon
BALAKEFERGUSON
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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CLAIMNO. SKBLRD2026/0041

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title By Registration Act Cap. 10.19

And

In the Matter of an Application by Trecia Pemberton - Browne and Charles Pemberton Jnr for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land situate in the parish of Trinity Palmetto Point being part of West Farm Estate, in the Island of St. Christopher to replace a Lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book K2 Folio 6.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TRECIA PEMBERTON BROWNE of #11 Green Tree Project, Old Road, St. Kitts and CHARLES PEMBERTON JR. of West Farm St. Kitts duly appointed executors in the estate of Charles Pemberton Snr late of Old Mill Road, West Farm, in the island of St. Christopher has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the following Certificate of Title, on the basis that the said Original Duplicate Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost by misadventure namely a Certificate of Title dated the 4th day of January 1985 and recorded in Book K2 Folio 6 of the Register of Titles for Saint Christopher, the land contained in the said Certificate of Title being all that lot piece or parcel of land situate in the parish of Trinity Palmetto Point, being part of West Farm Estate in the island of St. Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say, On or towards the North East by the Island Main Road 137.25 feet, On or towards the South East by lands of J.A Cramer and D.M Morton 313.62 feet, On or towards the South West by lands of the Estate of Esbon Ross deceased, 135.14 feet, On or towards the North West by a Road 304.25 feet, containing by admeasurement 0.5 acre.

Any person who may be in possession of the aforesaid Certificate of Title or may have any information that may lead to its recovery is asked to contact LIBURD CHARLES Barristers-at-Law & Solicitors, Chambers, of Unit #1 OJJ's Commercial Complex, Island Main Road, Camps, Basseterre, St. Kitts telephone number 869 - 465 - 6869 or 869-665-6867, E-mail: slc@liburdcharles.com.

Dated the 10th day of June 2026

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SHERRY-ANN LIBURD - CHARLES
LIBURD CHARLES
Solicitors for the Applicant



CREATIVE EXCELLENCE CELEBRATED AT FELIX DEXTER AWARD CEREMONY

Basseterre, St. Kitts, Monday, July 06 , 2026: Creative excellence was celebrated and rewarded as the Ministry of Education, in partnership with the Felix Dexter Foundation in the United Kingdom, honoured outstanding students at the Felix Dexter Award Ceremony, held at the NEMA Conference Room located at Lime Kiln, on Thursday, July 2.

The ceremony marked another milestone in the ongoing partnership between the Ministry of Education and the Felix Dexter Foundation, reflecting their shared commitment to promoting excellence in education and the performing arts. Named in honour of the late Felix Dexter, the celebrated St. Kitts-born comedian, actor, writer, and broadcaster, the awards recognized students who demonstrated exceptional creativity, talent, and dedication in the arts. The initiative also inspired young people to pursue their artistic passions while striving for academic excellence.

Mrs. Angela Walters, member of the Felix Dexter Foundation, reflected on the life and legacy of Felix Dexter, noting, “Felix has always recognized St. Kitts as his true home, and before his passing in October 2013, Felix said that he wanted to give back to his place of birth. He was a firm believer in education and realised that for many, educational costs are a true reality. This award ceremony, which will be held annually, will assist to preserve his legacy.”

Mr. Roger Woodley, Deputy Chief Education Officer, underscored the lasting impact of the National Cultural Icon whose legacy continues to inspire young people.

“Although Felix Dexter, a proud son of St. Kitts and Nevis, achieved great success as a comedian, actor, writer, and performer in the United Kingdom, he never forgot his roots. Through this Foundation, his legacy lives on, reminding us that no matter how far we go, we should never forget where we came from and always seek to uplift and inspire others. The Ministry of Education is deeply appreciative of the Foundation’s support in this initiative.”

Mrs. Lisa-Romayne Pistana, Permanent Secretary, praised the initiative and recognized its positive impact on the nation’s youth.

“On behalf of the Ministry of Education and the Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, I extend sincere congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients. The ministry lauds the efforts of Mr. Dexter’s family for holding true to his wishes, which focus on advancing education for the benefit of people under the age of 18 living in St. Kitts and Nevis. The Ministry of Education believes in the power of partnerships to transform education and this is evident by our theme and our thrust to create multiple pathways in order for our students, your children, to succeed.”

The event proved to be a fitting tribute to Felix Dexter’s enduring legacy and his lasting contribution to the arts, while celebrating the next generation of creative talent in St. Kitts and Nevis.



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In the Estate of CHARLES GILBERT, late of 143

Clifton Hill, St. Croix, U.S.V.I., deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION

FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DAVID GILBERT of 9297 Forge

Breeze Loop, Wesley Chapel, Florida, United States of America for a Grant of Probate of the

Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 3rd day of December, 2024 without revoking

a Will bearing the date of 1st day of May, 2014 wherein the applicant is named as one of the

executors.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection

within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2026.

HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS

Attorneys-at-Law for the Estate of CHARLES GILBERT

Filed by: Brittney S. Jeffers Attorney-at-Law of HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS, Suite 7, The Sands

Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Telephone Number: (869) 465-6242.

The Applicant's address for service is at Henderson Law Chambers. The Registry is at Sir S.W. Tapley Seaton

GCMG, CVO, KC, JP, LL.D. ANNEX, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, telephone number

(869) 465-2009, facsimile number (869) 465-2482. The Office is open between 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Mondays to

Fridays except Public Holidays.





AI may affect nearly 80 million workers in the ASEAN region, but large-scale job disruption not yet seen

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New ILO study highlights the need for targeted policy action to build the preparedness and resilience of workers, enterprises and institutions in an AI-enabled economy.

BANGKOK (ILO News) - A new study by the International Labour Organization (ILO) reveals that generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) is set to touch the working lives of nearly 80 million people across the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). However, only a small proportion work in occupations facing the highest levels of exposure and there is no evidence to date of large-scale job losses.

The report, titled "Generative AI and labour markets in ASEAN: Significant exposure, limited disruption, uneven preparedness," examines implications of GenAI for jobs and labour markets across the 11 countries of ASEAN by considering both occupational exposure and emerging patterns of GenAI adoption.

According to ILO estimates for 2025, 22.9 per cent of total employment in ASEAN (equivalent to nearly 80 million workers) is in occupations with more than a minimal degree of potential exposure to generative AI. However, only 3.3 per cent of the workforce, corresponding to 11.7 million workers, were employed in occupations classified within the "highest exposure category".

At the same time, around 67 per cent of employment remained concentrated in occupations with no identified exposure to GenAI.

Across the nine ASEAN countries with available data, Singapore records the highest share of workers with more than a minimal degree of GenAI exposure, accounting for 42.2 per cent of total employment. It is followed by the Philippines (28.1 per cent) which reflects, in part, the country's relatively service and IT oriented economy; Indonesia (21.7 per cent); Viet Nam (20.8 per cent); and Thailand (20.6 per cent).

The report notes that employment in highly exposed occupations has continued to expand across ASEAN. "The potential for labour market transformation is significant, but widespread disruption is not yet visible", the brief notes.

GenAI adoption remains at an early and uneven stage with use concentrated in technology intensive occupations and comparatively limited uptake in office and administrative roles despite their high exposure.

The report highlights that young workers (ages 15-24) and

adult workers exhibit broadly similar levels of exposure to GenAI. However, a significant gender gap in AI exposure is identified. Women are more than twice as likely as men to be employed in occupations with high GenAI exposure, reflecting their concentration in clerical, administrative, and professional roles.

The study also identifies an uneven "preparedness gap" across the region with Singapore standing out as a globally competitive AI ecosystem, combining advanced digital infrastructure, strong talent availability and a whole-of-government approach to implementation strategy.

To ensure that AI innovation contributes to productivity growth, creates quality employment and fosters inclusive and equitable benefits across ASEAN, the report outlines regional priorities. They include human-centred governance; inclusive skills development by expanding upskilling and reskilling programmes, with a specific focus on women and youth; support for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to overcome barriers to AI adoption; and strengthening knowledge exchange and coordinating human resource development across the Member States.

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"Harnessing the benefits of GenAI requires more than access to technology," said ILO Economist and lead author of the report Christian Viegela. "Productivity gains depend on investments in human capital and social protection. Ultimately, future labour market outcomes will depend less on exposure alone than on the policy choices to build the preparedness and resilience of workers, enterprises and institutions."



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'Not In The Public Interest': DPP Drops Kollision Band Members Arrest Matter

By: Spokesman Newsroom



Photo: The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Adlai Smith (File Photo Credit: SKNIS)

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 8th July 2026) - Determining that it was not in the public interest for the proceedings to continue, has reportedly the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to discontinue the arrest case matter involving members of Kollision Band, after reviewing the circumstances surrounding allegations that the musicians played noisy instruments without a licence during the funeral procession of their late bandmate, Jermaine "Chubby" Clarke.

The decision came one day after seven members of the band were arrested and formally charged by the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force, and amid widespread public attention and debate over the matter.

The charges stemmed from an incident on May 20, 2026, during Clarke's funeral procession, when the musicians allegedly played noisy instruments on a public road without the required licence.

In a statement issued by the government's media outlet SKNIS on Wednesday 8th July, information was relayed from the Director of Public Prosecutions' Office (DPPO) indicating:

"Having carefully reviewed the circumstances of this matter, including the context in which the alleged offence occurred, the Director of Public Prosecutions has concluded that it is not in the public interest for these proceedings to continue."

The Office noted that in every case, the Director must consider not only whether there is sufficient evidence to support a prosecution, but also whether proceeding with the matter is in the public interest.

According to the DPPO, several considerations informed the decision.

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‘Not In The Public Interest’: DPP Drops Kollision Band Members Arrest Matter

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It was pointed out that: “The alleged offence is regulatory in nature and did not involve violence or any threat to public safety.”

The Office also stated:

“The surrounding circumstances of the incident were carefully considered in assessing whether a criminal prosecution was the most appropriate response.”

It further said:

“The effective use of limited judicial resources requires that criminal trials be reserved for matters where prosecution is necessary, proportionate and in the public interest.”

The DPPO added that the Government intends to introduce the Diversionary Caution Bill, 2026, which will provide appropriate alternatives to prosecution for suitable minor offences.

The Office also stated:



Photo: A section of moruners seen during the funeral procession for the late Jermaine ‘Chubby’ Clarke goes along Cayong Street on Wednesday 20th May 2026 en route to the Springfield Cemtery (Spokeman Snap)

“A criminal prosecution may carry lasting consequences for individuals, including effects on employment and other opportunities, and such consequences should be imposed only where they are justified in the public interest.”

It further stated: “The administration of justice is strengthened when prosecutorial discretion is exercised independently, fairly and proportionately, while respecting the important law enforcement role performed by the Police.”

According to the DPPO, the matter highlights the importance of the proposed Diversionary Caution Bill, 2026, which has been under development over the past two years. Once enacted, the legislation will establish a formal cautioning framework to provide alternatives to prosecution for appropriate lower-level offences.

The Office explained that the proposed framework is intended to divert suitable individuals away from the formal criminal justice system where prosecution is unnecessary,



Photo: Jermaine ‘Chubby’ Clarke, lead singer of Kollision Band seen during the band’s performance at the June 2025 St Kitts Music Festival (Credit Facebook/St Kitts & Nevis National Carnival)

The Office explained that the proposed framework is intended to divert suitable individuals away from the formal criminal justice system where prosecution is unnecessary, while promoting accountability through measures such as community service, counselling, restorative measures or financial penalties proportionate to a person’s means.

The DPPO also disclosed that it had engaged with counsel representing members of Kollision Band and that it is understood the band has committed to producing anti-gang music or otherwise participating in an anti-gang public awareness campaign.

“The DPPO welcomes this positive response and their willingness to make a meaningful contribution to the Federation’s ongoing anti-gang and anti-violence efforts,” the statement said.

The Office reaffirmed its commitment to “the fair, independent and impartial administration of justice,” while also expressing support for the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force in the lawful execution of its duties.

On Tuesday, July 7, police announced that Erickson Williams Jr. of Carifesta Village, Jason Kyte of Greenlands, Travis James of Fiennes Avenue, Terrance Richards of St. Paul’s, Jahvian Barrett of Craddock Road, Nevis, Vern Pemberton of Ponds Extension and Travis Thompson of Gingerland, Nevis, were arrested and formally charged on warrants.

The charges stemmed from an incident on Wednesday 20th May 2026, during Clarke’s funeral procession, when the musicians allegedly played noisy instruments on a public road without the required licence.

The incident occurred following the death of Clarke, 38, who was fatally shot while seated in his vehicle in Keys Village on Easter Sunday 5th April 2026. Clarke, the lead singer of Kollision Band, was reportedly attacked shortly after performing at an event and later succumbed to his injuries at the Joseph N. France General Hospital.

His death prompted an outpouring of tributes locally and abroad, with many highlighting his contribution to St. Kitts and Nevis’ music industry and his role in Kollision Band’s success, including the group’s 2024-2025 Sugar Mas Road March victory.

Family, friends, band members and supporters gathered on 20th May, to bid farewell to Clarke during funeral proceedings that later became the subject of the recent police charges now dropped.

Front Page Photo: Manager of the Kollision Band Shervin White interacts with fans as the funeral procession for the late Jermaine ‘Chubby’ Clarke goes along Cayon Street on Wednesday 20th May 2026 en route to the Springfield Cemtery (Spokeman Snap)

TDC Supports Community Mural Project in partnership with The Caribbean Foundation for Children and the Charlestown Secondary School

A new mural is taking shape in Charlestown as part of a joint project with the St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla Trading and Development Company Limited (TDC), The Caribbean Foundation for Children and the Art Department of the Charlestown Secondary School.

“Floral Elegance” led by Art Teacher Ashira Hanley and involving students from the Charlestown Secondary School Art Department, seeks to transform selected community spaces in Charlestown into vibrant works of art that celebrate creativity, culture, and civic pride. Through the project, students are afforded the opportunity to apply their artistic talents beyond the classroom while contributing meaningfully to the beautification of their community.

Commenting on the company's support, Mr. Ernie France, Head of Nevis Operations, said:

"At TDC, we believe that investing in young people extends beyond the classroom. Projects such as this encourage creativity, teamwork, and a sense of community ownership while providing students with a platform to showcase their talents. We are pleased to partner with the Caribbean Foundation for Children and the Charlestown Secondary School in bringing this inspiring initiative to life."

Mr. Michael Henville, Chairperson of the Caribbean Foundation For Children Nevis Chapter expressed appreciation for TDC's contribution, noting,

“Partnerships with the corporate community play a vital role in expanding opportunities for students and enhancing educational experiences through real-world projects.”

He added, “Recognizing the value of arts education and community engagement, TDC ‘s support in providing paint and painting supplies to assist with the successful execution of this unique mural project, will help to further inspire artistic innovation, foster talent, and contribute to the social and cultural development.”

The collaborative venture aligns with TDC’s mission “to contribute meaningfully to the Economic, Social and Cultural Advancement of our Nation” is expected to be completed by Thursday 9th July 2026.



Picture – Students from the Charlestown Secondary School Arts Department painting the Floral Elegance Mural on Main Street in Charlestown, Nevis



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Nevis to Introduce Radar Speed Cameras; Motorists Urged to Drive Responsibly

NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (July 06, 2026)- Motorists on Nevis are being urged to obey traffic laws and drive responsibly as the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) moves to introduce radar speed cameras as part of a broader effort to improve road safety and strengthen traffic law enforcement.

Speaking at his June 30 press conference, Premier of Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley, announced that photo radar technology will be installed at strategic locations across the island. The system is intended to deter speeding, promote safer driving habits, and introduce a more efficient, automated process for issuing traffic tickets.

"We are working to bring about speed cameras on the island and a ticketing system that will be more automated because currently you need to have an officer on site. We will be setting up speed traps so as you speed it will cost you some money."

Premier Brantley noted that the initiative follows the successful implementation of a similar system on St. Kitts, where speed cameras were introduced after a number of fatal road accidents.

He said the NIA's objective is to take proactive measures to prevent similar tragedies on Nevis.

"We do not want that to happen in Nevis, and so I am putting it out now that the speed traps are coming and so our people please drive sensibly on the road."

The Premier has also indicated that the Administration will ensure road infrastructure is adequately prepared before the new enforcement system is introduced, including the installation of additional road signs and making speed limit and other traffic signs more visible.



While no implementation date has been announced, motorists are being advised to begin adhering strictly to posted speed limits and other traffic regulations. Once operational, the radar cameras are expected to be deployed at various locations across the island, with sites rotated periodically to discourage motorists from slowing down only at known camera locations. Notices of traffic violations will be issued electronically to offending drivers under the automated ticketing system.

The introduction of the radar speed camera programme forms part of the NIA's ongoing commitment to enhancing road safety, encouraging responsible driving, and reducing the risk of serious traffic collisions on Nevis.

Road Naming Project Town Hall at Pond Hill Community Centre

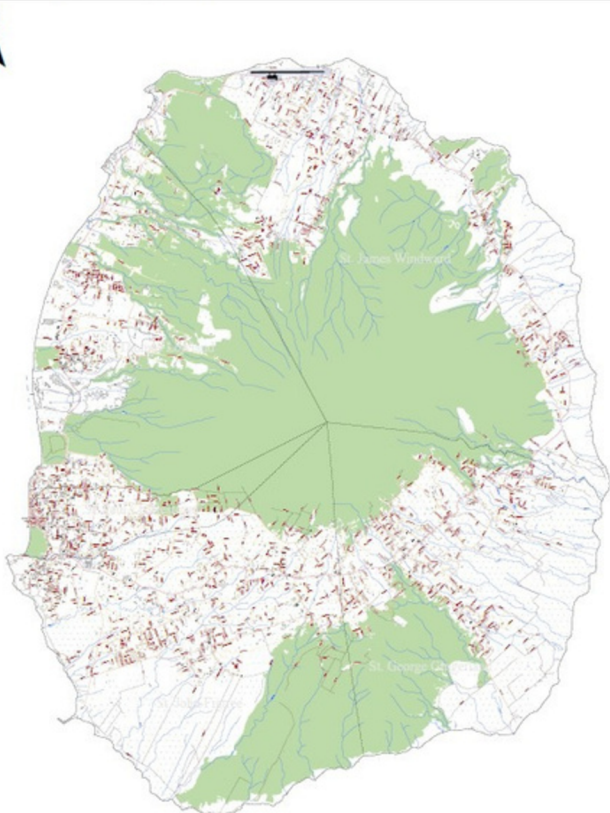
NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (July 10, 2026)- The following is a public announcement from the Nevis Island Administration Department of Physical and Environment:

Road Naming Project Town Hall at Pond Hill Community Centre

The Department of Physical Planning and Environment will be hosting a Public Town Hall validation session at the Pond Hill Community Center in St. John's Parish on July 16, 2026, at 6:00pm for the Nevis Road Naming Project and Village & Locality Boundaries Project.



Map Showing Proposed Street Names for the Island of Nevis

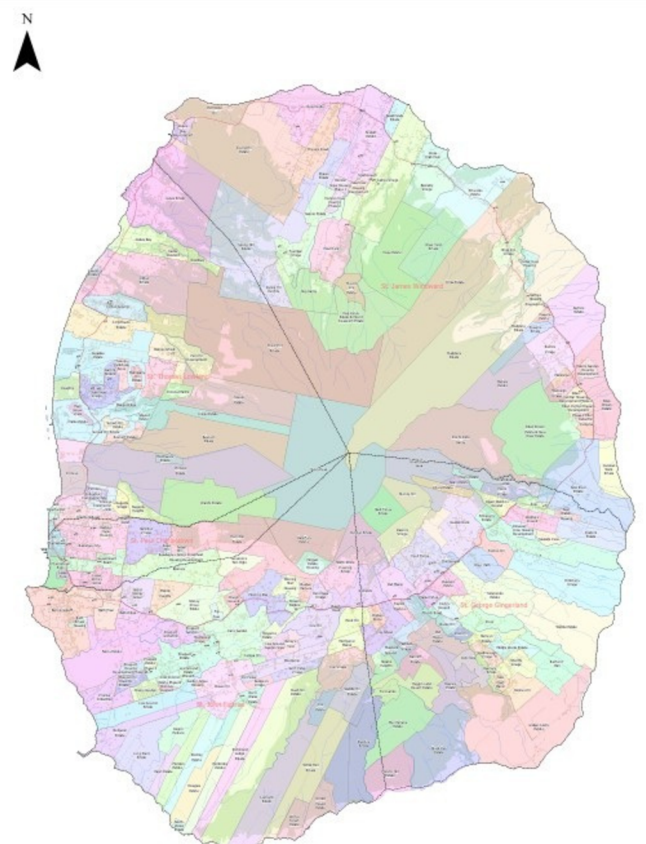


Additional Sessions will be at the St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall in St Paul's Parish on August 20, 2026, at 6.00pm and the Franklin Brown Community Center in St. James Parish on August 27, 2026.

The Nevis Road Naming Project map and Village Locality Boundaries map can be viewed on the Nevis Island Administration Website-Documents-Physical Planning and Environment.

Additional information can be obtained from the Physical Planning and Environment Department, located upstairs Labour Department and Water Resource Management Department, Main Street, Charlestown or (869) 469 5521 Ext. 6302, 6303, Email: nevplan@niagovkn.com.

Map Showing Proposed Village & Locality Boundaries



NEWTOWN, BATH AND OLD ROAD WOMEN SECURE WINS IN WOMEN’S LEAGUE MATCHES



Caption: Action between Honda Newtown United and Mapau Cayon Rockettes on Sunday July 5, 2026

SKNFA PRESS RELEASE

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS – July 7, 2026 – Honda Newtown United tightened their grip on first place in the 2026 Elvis Star Brown Women's League standings after a hard-fought 1-0 victory over defending champions Mapau Cayon Rockettes on Sunday, July 5th, at the National Bank Technical Center.

Sharima Blake scored the match-winning goal in the 38th minute, giving the East Basseterre side a lead they maintained through the final whistle. Despite sustained second-half pressure from the Green Valley team, Newtown's defence held firm to claim all three points.

Following the match, Newtown captain Christi-Anne Mills praised her teammates and Blake for their performance. “(Blake) gave me the assist to get that goal. We stuck the game plan; we scored that goal and tried to get more goals and kept going. But after we saw that we may not get any more, we decided to keep that lead and defended it as hard as possible,” Mills said.

Cayon Rockettes player Trisha Nisbett noted that her team will use the loss to prepare for their next match. “We could have done better, but we played well overall,” she said.

The weekend action began on Saturday, July 4th, with Hector & Associates Hotspring Bath United earning their second consecutive win in an emphatic 5-1 victory over S.L. Horsfords St. Paul's United Sparks. Zyan France netted a hat-trick for Bath United with goals in the 33rd, 48th, and 68th minutes. Ajonique Newton opened the scoring in the fifth minute, and Ashonique Romney also added to the tally. St. Paul's United Sparks scored their first goal of the season deep into stoppage time courtesy of Jahzakia Smithen.

BATH UNITED 5-1 ST. PAUL’S UNITED SPARKS

Bath United Women's Head Coach Laughton Herbert highlighted the team's growth. “Some of the players are getting more positive, they're getting more confident on the ball. We have some players now, they are hungrier for goals this year,” he said. “All in all, the team is coming along nicely.”

St. Paul's United Sparks assistant coach Dante Mardenborough acknowledged the tough result but found a silver lining in the team's historic goal. “The game was not how I would have wanted it to go. Even though we got the goal, I found that that was a great accomplishment for

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Caption: Bath United now on their second win in a row.

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NEWTOWN, BATH AND OLD ROAD WOMEN SECURE WINS IN WOMEN'S LEAGUE MATCHES

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for the team...being our first time in the league," he said. "Even though they got the victory, I still felt that getting the goal is a success for us," he added.

SECURITY FORCES UNITED 0-8 OLD ROAD UNITED LADY JETS

Also on Saturday, President's Cup champions MFCR Old Road United Lady Jets bounced back from an opening-week 7-0 loss to Newtown by cruising to an 8-0 shutout victory against Security Forces United Women. Leranja Wilkinson led the Lady Jets with a hat-trick, while Ruzella Tucker scored twice. Kezel Williams and Shackima Wilkerson completed the scoring.



Caption: Leranja Wilkinson of MFCR Old Road United Lady Jets score a hat-trick as her team returns to winning ways.

Lady Jets player Shinell McCalla emphasized the importance of the rebound performance. "Well coming in from the last game, we were a little bit disappointed with the results. So, we know we had to come with a better result and we had to level out the last game scoreline and add more to the scoring board for tonight's game," McCalla said.

Security Forces United Women manager Shane Clark remained optimistic about his squad's outlook moving forward. "Well, tonight was not a good night, but I expected a lot more. The girls did well," Clarke said. The 2026 Elvis Star Brown Women's League continues this weekend with the next round of fixtures

NOTICE: PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES TO CLOSE FOR FACILITY UPGRADES

Basseterre: St. Kitts, Wednesday, July 08, 2026: Please be advised that all PUBLIC Early Childhood Centres will be closed to all children effective Monday, 20th July 2026, to facilitate essential maintenance, repairs, and upgrades to the facilities.

The improvements are necessary to ensure that the Centres continue to provide a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for all children and staff.

The Centres will reopen for the new school term on Monday, 7th September 2026.

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SKNFA LAUNCHES AMBITIOUS YOUTH FOOTBALL INITIATIVE TO BOOST PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

SKNFA PRESS RELEASE- 9TH JULY 2026

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BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts
— *The St. Kitts and Nevis Football Association (SKNFA) is launching an ambitious youth football initiative this summer, featuring a series of small-sided competitions designed to keep children active while strengthening player development across the federation.*

The summer programme kicks off next week with a nationwide 1v1 Championship, before progressing to 3v3 and 5v5 competitions. The initiative aims to prepare young players for the return of school football later this year. Boys and girls can compete across five age groups: Under-9, Under-11, Under-13, Under-15, and Under-18.

Regional qualifiers will take place across six zones in St. Kitts and Nevis, concluding with the national finals at the National Bank Group Technical Centre. Matches will be hosted at Newtown Playing Field, St. Peter's Football Complex, St. Mary's Park, Samuel Williams Playing Field, Saddlers Playing Field, and ET Willett Park in Nevis. The action begins with the Under-15 and Under-18 regional qualifiers, leading off three weeks of youth football.

SKNFA Technical Director Giba Damiano emphasized that the initiative focuses on long-term growth rather than just winning.

"It has to do with development...player development, coach development, developing the environment," Damiano said. "We really want our players to have the courage to take on defenders. We want our players to be comfortable when defending and football starts with 1v1s. We want to become a nation that develops players that are comfortable, intelligent and confident on the ball."

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FIFA World Cup - Quarter-finals France 2 , Morocco 0



GETTY IMAGE: Morocco goalkeeper Yassine Bounou has only been beaten by two of the nine penalties he has faced at World Cups (saved four, three missed the target - including shootouts)

By: Michael Emons

BBC Sport journalist

Published: Thu 9 Jul 2026 (bbc.com)

Kylian Mbappe scored his eighth goal of this World Cup to make up for an earlier missed penalty as France proved too good for Morocco and moved into the semi-finals.

Mbappe won the first-half penalty when he was fouled by Manchester United defender Noussair Mazraoui, but his poorly hit spot-kick was comfortably saved by Yassine Bounou.

The Real Madrid striker made amends in the 60th minute with a superb curling effort from just inside the penalty area to give France a deserved lead.

Ballon d'Or holder Ousmane Dembele doubled France's advantage six minutes later when he was allowed to run at the Morocco defence, with his low strike finding the net despite Bounou getting a hand to the ball.

Mbappe's goal moves him level with Argentina's Lionel Messi at this tournament, although the Frenchman is now top in the race for the Golden Boot as he has registered more assists than his former Paris St-Germain team-mate.

The two are also having a thrilling contest to see who will become the all-time World Cup top scorer, with 27-year-old Mbappe now on 20 goals compared to the record 21 from 39-year-old Messi.

Two-time winners France, who lost to Argentina on penalties in the 2022 World Cup final, will play Spain or Belgium in the semi-final in Dallas on Tuesday (20:00 BST).

France won the World Cup in 1998 and 2018 and have been tipped by many to go on and lift the trophy again on 19 July. Before this quarter-final, former England striker Ian Wright described Didier Deschamps' side as "one of the most clear favourites for a World Cup tournament I have ever seen".

A match against Morocco, a rematch of the 2022 World Cup semi-final which France also won 2-0, was expected to be the toughest test so far.

Morocco, seventh in the world rankings, were frozen out though, registering their only shot on target in the 83rd minute when 2-0 down. They had only five attempts in total, four of those off target.

France's intent was shown early on when Mbappe had a 25-yard strike pushed wide, with Bounou then keeping out Dayot Upamecano's header from the following corner.

Dembele and Adrien Rabiot also missed opportunities, before Mbappe's weak penalty.

The striker had to wait more than three minutes before the spot-kick as

the video assistant referee checked whether there was a foul, and Mbappe then stuttered in his run-up before his low shot to the right corner was easily saved.

But France remained on top. Desire Doue had a strike saved and Aston Villa defender Lucas Digne sent a long-range effort against the crossbar, with perhaps the slightest touch from Bounou. It was just a matter of time before the goals came and two in quick succession ended the game as a contest. The only slight concern for France was the sight of the substituted Mbappe with ice on his right ankle after being replaced by Crystal Palace striker Jean-Philippe Mateta in the 77th minute.

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In addition to trophies, the SKNFA is placing an emphasis on education by awarding school vouchers to the champions.

"Because we take education seriously, the prize is going to be school vouchers," Damiano explained. "We want to send a very strong message that football is a unique way to achieve success on the pitch, but also off the pitch."

Photo: SKNFA Technical Director Giba Damiano



After the game, Mbappe showed any potential injury was not a serious one as he jumped around with team-mates to celebrate their sixth victory in a row at this tournament.

As well as having the joint top scorer in Mbappe, France are now also the leading team scorers in the competition with 16 goals from six games.

They remain the team to beat at this World Cup.

At a glance

- **Kylian Mbappe wins a penalty for France but his spot-kick is saved by Yassine Bounou**
- **Mbappe puts France ahead in 60th minute with excellent curled strike from just inside penalty area**
- **Ousmane Dembele seals victory with a low shot six minutes later**
- **France will play either Spain or Belgium in the semi-final in Dallas on Tuesday (20:00 BST)**

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